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SUBJECT: GOP/AZORES AUTONOMY

REFS: (A) 75 LISBON 7520 (DTG 181527Z DEC 75), (B) 75

PONTA DELGADA 477 (DTG 221300Z DEC 75)

SUMMARY: GOP HAS AGREED TO REVISE DECREE-LAW ON AZOREAN
ADMINISTRATIVE AUTONOMY WHICH HAD PROVOKED DISCONTENT IN ISLANDS.

ACTION REPRESENTS MAJOR CONCESSION BY LISBON TO AZOREANS AND
IS SIGNIFICANT VICTORY FOR REGIONAL JUNTA. END SUMMARY.

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1. IN JAN 13 MEETING, COUNCIL OF MINISTERS (CM) RE-EXAMINED DEC 16 DECREE-LAW DEFINING LIMITS OF AZOREAN REGIONAL AUTONOMY (REF A), WHICH HAD PROVOKED SERIOUS DISCONTENT AMONG AZOREANS AND LED AZOREAN JUNTA TO THREATEN RESIGNATIONS (REF B). IN FINAL STATEMENT, CM RECOGNIZED NEED TO REVISE DECREE-LAW THAT IT MIGHT "BETTER CORRESPOND TO LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS OF ARCH-IPELAGO." COUNCIL ANNOUNCED IT HAD ASKED MINISTRY OF INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION TO SUBMIT MORE SATISFACTORY TEXT AT CM'S NEXT MEETING, CURRENTLY SCHEDULED FOR JAN 16. IT POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT REVISED DECREE-LAW WOULD REMAIN IN EFFECT ONLY UNTIL FINAL DEFINITION OF AZOREAN ADMINISTRATIVE STATUS IN CONSTITUTION. CM NOTED THAT CONSTITUTIONAL TEXT IS EXPECTED TO BE ORIENTED TOWARD AUTONOMY AND DECENTRALIZATION.

2. MAGALHAES IN LISBON: CM ACTION FOLLOWED ARRIVAL IN LISBON JAN 12 OF AZOREAN REGIONAL JUNTA PRESIDENT GEN ALTINO PINTO DE MAGALHAES AND JUNTA MEMBERS MONJARDINO AND JACOME CORREIA FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH CENTRAL GOVERNMENT ON REVISION OF DECREE LAW. GEN MAGALHAES MET WITH PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES UPON ARRIVAL AND WAS RECEIVED BY PRIME MINISTER JAN 13.

3. COMMENT: GOVERNMENT DECISION TO REVISE DEC 16 DECREE LAW IS MAJOR CONCESSION TO AZOREANS AND A MAJOR VICTORY FOR REGIONAL JUNTA. SUCCESS IN OBTAINING SATISFACTION FOR AZOREAN DEMANDS SHOULD STRENGTHEN HAND OF JUNTA AND GEN MAGALHAES VIS-A-VIS AZOREAN SEPARATIST ELEMENTS.
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